

The Constitution Plaza redevelopment project took away the restaurant and the beloved East Side neighborhood, over Miano's strenuous objection, but he persevered. He made salad dressing, started a rubbish removal company and sold incinerators.

In his last decades, he was in real estate and mortgages from the Franklin Avenue office. He made no concession to age, his son Paul Miano said, and was as hungry to do a deal at 87 as he was at 17. "The only way we got him to stop was by closing the office when he went in for surgery. He was 88, and we wanted him to take it easy."

But Mickey came through the surgery, lost more than 100 pounds and was raring to go again. During his last illness, at 95, he'd say to Paul, "When I get out of here, let's open up a little office, just a couple days a week."

His daughter, Michelle Bradley, said the family was never more proud of her father than when U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman was nominated for vice president. Lieberman mentioned Mickey in both of his books about Connecticut politics. "The Power Broker" and "The Legacy."

"That a prospective vice president of the United States would write about this man of humble origin is remarkable," she said.

And, Paul said, his dad got a lot of mileage out of the mentions. He was vacationing in Florida during the campaign.●

RETIREMENT OF JOHN T. CURRAN

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to offer my thanks and appreciation for the service of Mr. John T. Curran of Indianapolis who is retiring this month following a forty-year career that included twenty-four years as the Meteorologist-in-Charge for the National Weather Service, NWS, office in Indianapolis.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Curran has played an essential role in the agency's integration of computer technology and development of the sophisticated equipment that has revolutionized the way the United States performs the vital function of monitoring and predicting our nation's weather. Mr. Curran's career began in 1961 where he worked as a trainee at the Weather Bureau Airport Station in Omaha, NE, and later as a severe local storms analyst and computer programmer. Mr. Curran's knowledge of, and experience with, the early computers and emerging technology made him an invaluable asset as the agency adopted new and better ways to carry out its mission.

As the Meteorologist-in-Charge at the Indianapolis office, Mr. Curran oversaw operations in Indiana during a time of dramatic change for the NWS. Integration of new technologies and the dramatic changes brought forth by National Implementation Plan required competent and steadfast leadership to ensure that Hoosier communities benefitted from these remarkable new developments.

Mr. Curran understood, however, that the people involved in this process were the backbone of the Weather Service. While the tremendous leaps in technology enable us to learn more about weather patterns better than ever before, it is the committed professionals

at the agency that maintain its strength in providing this vital public service. Mr. Curran's thoughtful management of the Indianapolis office has helped ensure that this important federal responsibility is fulfilled for Indiana.

The work of the NWS is essential to our economy and to public safety throughout Indiana. Accurate, reliable and helpful weather information is integral to our agricultural sector and to our transportation and manufacturing industries in Indiana. State and local officials and units of government rely on NWS alerts, warnings, and forecasts to prepare for and respond to emergency situations that occur in our cities, towns and neighborhoods. I have deeply appreciated Mr. Curran's efforts over the years to assist me and my staff in Indiana and Washington with the complex and technical issues involved with weather services and the modernization process.

Mr. Curran has distinguished himself through strong, attentive leadership and a dedication to integrity in the public trust. His commitment to excellence in public service and careful stewardship at the NWS Office has made a positive difference for Indiana.

I congratulate Mr. Curran for his achievements during his long career, and I thank him for his service to Indiana and the Nation. I know that he and his wife Christine look forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren.●

CONGRATULATING ROY STOVALL ON HIS RETIREMENT

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I congratulate Roy Stovall for his long career dedicated to civil service. Roy will soon retire from the Bureau of Land Management after 46 years of Government work, 40 years of which were with the Bureau of Land Management.

Respected throughout New Mexico for loyal service, Roy has proven to be a successful leader while serving in many different roles. He began his career in Carlsbad, NM as a temporary Carrier with the United States Post Office. Eventually after serving in several positions around the State he found his home in Roswell serving out his career as a Range Management Specialist. He is a member of the Society of Range Management.

For his quality work, Roy has received numerous performance awards and praise from co-workers for his achievements. I also applaud the selfless effort Roy has put forth in order to make significant improvements in the quality of life for people of New Mexico and the Nation for almost 50 years. I know that he has made his family and the people of New Mexico proud, and I wish him the same success with his future endeavors in his retirement.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1762. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2234. An act to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 955(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 105-83, the minority leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2234. An act to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5140. A communication from the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provision of Aviation Training to Certain Alien Trainees" received on January 16, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5141. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mepiquat; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6818-7) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5142. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5143. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Deadline to File a Wool Duty Refund Claim for Claim Year 2000" (RIN1515-AC85) received on January 18, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5144. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the prevention of terrorist bombings; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5145. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, United States Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to